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1. It is most important to subjugate the reactionary agitation which has appeared everywhere in Slovenia as a result of the note presented by the United States to the Belgrade Government concerning the incident of the American airplane. This agitation is aimed at showing the people that the situation has become serious on account of the existence of the regime and our party, and might even lead to armed intervention on the part of Great Britain and the United States.

2. As you know, all such hopes are without foundation, as we will not take any steps at the present time which might lead to a war with the Western reactionaries, and you know also that they know that any attack against Yugoslavia would mean war against the Soviet Union and all its satellite states. The Western Democracies would never enter into such a war because neither in England nor in America, and even less in the other reactionary countries, is there the psychological element in the people which the reactionaries could exploit to promote hatred against the Soviet Union or against Yugoslavia.

3. You know very well that our Party is working in all these countries and in their colonies to destroy reactionary propaganda and to promote the organization of the Communist Party. Although there will not be armed intervention, it is true that everywhere in the reactionary countries there are very strong armed forces who desire such a conflict and are working to bring about such a situation. The work of these forces is seen by their campaign against Yugoslavia following the incident of the American airplane.

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4. We must, therefore, work with all our power to subjugate these forces abroad and at home. This will be done abroad by our International Organization together with our diplomacy, but at home this work must be done by ourselves. Our method of doing this must be by showing up this campaign of the imperialist Western Powers as directed against the less powerful states, and especially against the Slovene people.

5. We must prove to the people that after the defeat of Hitler's Germany, the Anglo-Saxon group took the initiative to destroy freedom and even the very existence of the Slovene people. We must show the English and the Americans to be the successors of Hitler's Germany, and that if they should succeed in conquering us, the lot of the Slovenes would be the same as, or even worse than, during the last war when our country was occupied by Germans, Italians and Hungarians.

6. We must also show that in the event of their victory Prohaurja would once again be given to the Hungarians, the Districts of Maribor, Celje and Goranjska would be given to Germany, and Ljubljana and the Slovene littoral to Italy, so that Slovenia as a country would be forever wiped out. We must play on the people's national feelings.

7. To the Catholics we must show that the Anglo-Saxons are Protectors and against Catholicism. In this way we shall be able to incite the people against the Anglo-Saxons, who support the Hitlerites in Koruška against the Slovenes. We must show that the Anglo-Saxons are worse than the Hitlerites, in that they take away from us our mines, our factories, our economy, et cetera.

8. On the other hand, we must show our people the colossal strength of the Soviet Union, the one true victor of the last world war, with strength so huge that no other Allied Powers can conquer it. We must also make use of the position at the Peace Conference in Paris and show how the English and Americans are enemies of our regime.

9. To this end it is necessary to spread propaganda not only in our partisan cells, but also at all public meetings, in the streets, in the country, in the villages, and in the towns. At the same time it is necessary to carry out a close supervision of all reactionary elements in your districts. Our Organization for the defense of the people, "O.I.N.A.", is unable alone to control the whole nation. It is, therefore, the duty of every Communist to help in this task and to report everything he hears to his cell.

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